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1. At the end of July 1949 raw cotton stocks of the China Textile Industries Incorporated (CTII), Tsingtao, totaled 10,000 bales. About 1,000 tons of cotton waste, which have accumulated in Tsingtao over the past three years, are being traded with the Communist army at the rate of one pound of raw cotton for four pounds of waste, which the army is using to make winter padded uniforms. CTII will realize about 1,000 bales of raw cotton through this exchange.
2. The working hours of the CTII mills have been changed to two shifts of six hours each day instead of one shift of ten hours. Each worker is now given a four-hour bonus, thereby collecting for a ten-hour shift. The four-hour bonus period is devoted to political speeches, training and discussion.
3. This arrangement is the result of workers' protests and a strike threat over take-home pay*. Since most of the mill workers are engaged on a piecework basis, many stops during work hours for meetings and political rallies resulted in low piecework production and small pay. Also, a large number of workers left for their homes in the country following the recent strikes, arrests and wage disputes.

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